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Report of the meeting of the Board of Trustees November 8-9, 2005

Craig Smith, Faculty Trustee

HEADLINE: The Board ratified the bargaining agreement with academic professionals. It provides a 3% raise with .5% set aside for the next two years for merit pay.

The Board of Trustees met at the office of the Chancellor on November 8 and 9, 2005. The full Board agenda can be viewed at www.calstate.edu/BOT/agendas. Full reports can be found there also.

The public committee meetings were held with the CSU presidents, members of the Statewide Academic Senate's Chair and Vice Chair, members of the CSSA's executive committee, members of the Chancellor's staff, and the public in attendance.

The Committee on Collective Bargaining called for the ratification of the contract with APC. (See above.) The motion was passed by the committee and referred to the general meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Groups took up non-state funded capital outlay programs including the McMahan House at CSU, San Marcos, and real property acquisition at Sonoma State U. The Committee then approved schematic plans for two parking structures at CSU San Bernardino, and a center for children and families at CSU San Marcos.

The Committee on Finance received a report on student fees. It is clear that students are trapped in a context of rising fees, not only university fees, but parking, health, campus based and other fees. It was also noted that there was a wide range of some fees across campuses. The average state university fee is currently \$2,520, when other fees are added in; the number goes up to \$3,164 on average. (The average for campus based fees then is \$644.) Members asked the chancellor's office to provide information on student living expenses compared to cohort universities on the CPEC list. The Committee then approved the mixed-use development project for CSU Fresno.

The Committee on Governmental Relations heard a report of the various pieces of legislation examined in earlier meetings. The Committee celebrated the success of passing legislation on affinity cards, whistleblower protection, and the Ed.D. Other laws affecting our campuses include: Veterans Day must be observed on the day the state designates. Two terms of summer scholarships and an extra term of support must be provided for NCAA athletes receiving other funding. Campus orientation programs must now include information on violence against women.

We continue to monitor two-year bills that remain in the hopper, including higher education accountability to CPEC, funding for nursing programs, funding for math and science teachers,

and review of the master plan for higher education. (There is a long list in the agenda of the Board of Trustees. Also see "Interim 2005 Legislative Report" from the Chancellor's Office. Call Karen Zamarripa for details.)

The Committee on University and Faculty Personnel set the compensation for the new president of California State University, Long Beach at \$280,008.

The Committee on Institutional Advancement approved naming opportunities for a program and a facility at San Diego State University.

The Committee on Educational Policy heard a report on facilitating graduation at CSU Chico and a pilot evaluation of the Early Assessment Program. The Committee passed a resolution of commendation for Senator Jack Scott. The Committee approved the final revised version of the Code of Student Conduct (Article 2, sections 41301, 41303, 41304 of Title 5.

The Committee on Audit heard a report on internal audit assignments and reviewed criteria for the selection of external auditor for the CSU system.

The above recommendations were affirmed and the reports were accepted at the general board meeting after public comments were heard on various issues.

If I have not yet scheduled a visit to your campus, please feel free to request that your president schedule such a visit after January 1, 2006. The current schedule with past visits is listed below.

Scheduled Visits to CSU Campuses by Faculty Trustee Craig Smith for the fall.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Campus</u>	<u>Best Quotation</u>
9/27	Humboldt	"You are in my car now, so you will listen to my agenda."
10/4	San Francisco	"The students only perch up there when the sun comes out."
10/10	Fresno	"Our vineyard is bigger than most campuses."
10/18	S.L.O	"No one lives in that house; we only use it for receptions."
11/1	San Bernardino	"Yes, the San Andreas Fault is our fault."
11/11	Northridge	
11/29	East Bay	
11/30	San Jose	
12/6	Chico	
12/8	Sacramento	

San Diego, Sonoma, Marine Academy have been scheduled for the spring.